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7	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA	
8	SHAWN MEEHAN, an individual; JANINE	
9	HANSEN, an individual; LYNN CHAPMAN, an individual; and MELISSA CLEMENT, an individual,	Case No. 3:21-cv-00100-MMD-WGC
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11	Plaintiffs,	STIPULATION AND ORDER REGARDING SERVICE OF PROCESS
12	vs.	ON LEGISLATIVE DEFENDANTS, BRIEFING SCHEDULE FOR MOTIONS,
	STEPHEN F. SISOLAK, in his official	AND RELATED MATTERS
13	capacity as Governor of the State of Nevada; AARON DARNELL FORD, in his official	
14	capacity as Attorney General of the State of	
15	Nevada; BRENDA J. ERDOES, in her official capacity as Director of the Legislative	
	Counsel Bureau of the State of Nevada;	
16	NICOLE J. CANNIZZARO, in her official capacity as Chair of the Legislative	
17	Commission of the State of Nevada; and	
18	DOES 1 through 100,	
19	Defendants.	
20	PARTIES AND COUNSEL	
21	This Stipulation and Order is agreed to and approved by: (1) <b>Sigal Chattah</b> , Esq., Chattah	
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22	Law Group, counsel for Plaintiffs Shawn Meehan, Janine Hansen, Lynn Chapman, and Melissa	
23	Clement; and (2) <b>Kevin C. Powers</b> , General Counsel, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Legal Division	
24	("LCB Legal"), counsel for Legislative Defendants Brenda J. Erdoes ("Director Erdoes"), in her	

official capacity as Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau of the State of Nevada, and Nevada State Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro, in her official capacity as Chair of the Legislative Commission of the State of Nevada.

On March 23, 2021, pursuant to FRCP 41(a)(1)(A)(i), Plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed, without prejudice, the Executive Defendants named in the complaint: (1) Stephen F. Sisolak, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Nevada; and (2) Aaron D. Ford, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the State of Nevada. (ECF No. 21.) Therefore, because the Executive Defendants have been voluntarily dismissed, without prejudice, from this action, their attorneys, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General, and Craig A. Newby, Deputy Solicitor General, Office of the Attorney General, are no longer representing any defendants in this action.

## **BACKGROUND**

On Feb. 17, 2021, Plaintiffs filed a complaint for damages and injunctive and declaratory relief under the federal civil rights statute in 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (ECF No. 1.) Plaintiffs are four individuals who, on behalf of themselves, seek entry to Nevada's Legislative Building to engage in lobbying activities during the 81st legislative session. (ECF No. 1 at 1-2.) In their complaint, Plaintiffs alleged that they have been deprived of federal and state constitutional rights as a result of the decision of Director Erdoes, as the executive head of the LCB, to restrict or prohibit lobbyists and members of the public from physically entering the Legislative Building during the 81st legislative session due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (ECF No. 1 at 18-25.)

In their complaint, Plaintiffs named several state officers of the executive branch and legislative branch as defendants in their official capacities. (ECF No. 1 at 1-2.) As named in the complaint, the Executive Defendants were: (1) Stephen F. Sisolak, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Nevada; and (2) Aaron D. Ford, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the State of Nevada. (ECF No. 1 at 1-2.) On Feb. 26, 2021, Plaintiffs filed affidavits

of service of the summons and complaint on those Executive Defendants. (ECF No. 10.) On

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March 23, 2021, pursuant to FRCP 41(a)(1)(A)(i), Plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed, without

3 prejudice, those Executive Defendants from this action. (ECF No. 21.)

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As named in the complaint, Legislative Defendants are: (1) Brenda J. Erdoes, in her official

capacity as Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau of the State of Nevada; and (2) Nevada

State Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro, in her official capacity as Chair of the Legislative Commission

of the State of Nevada. (ECF No. 1 at 1-2.) Legislative Defendants have not been personally

served in this action yet with the summons and complaint under FRCP 4.

On Feb. 24, 2021, Plaintiffs filed an emergency motion for preliminary injunction. (ECF No. 6.) On Feb. 25, 2021, this Court entered a minute order, stating that:

The Court has reviewed Plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction (ECF No. 6, the "PI" motion.) The normal briefing schedule will apply to the motion because Plaintiffs do not specifically request an expedited briefing schedule in their PI motion and did not otherwise establish they are entitled to an expedited briefing schedule under LR 7-4. The Court will determine whether to set a hearing upon reviewing the subsequent briefs.

(ECF No. 8.) On March 29, 2021, Plaintiffs filed a motion to extend the briefing schedule for their motion for preliminary injunction. (ECF No. 22.)

## **STIPULATION**

The parties, through their respective counsel, hereby stipulate and agree, subject to this Court's approval, as follows:

- 1. Legislative Defendants stipulate and agree to appear voluntarily in this action and waive their rights to be served by Plaintiffs with a summons and complaint under FRCP 4.
- 2. The parties stipulate and agree to the following briefing schedule for Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction (ECF No. 6) and the following timeline and briefing schedule for Legislative Defendants to file a responsive pleading to Plaintiffs' complaint (ECF No. 1) or, in the alternative, a motion to dismiss asserting defenses or objections under FRCP 12:

(a) Not later than April 21, 2021, Legislative Defendants must file and serve their:

- (1) Opposition points and authorities in response to Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction (ECF No. 6) under LR 7-2; and
- (2) Responsive pleading to Plaintiffs' complaint (ECF No. 1) or, in the alternative, motion to dismiss asserting defenses or objections under FRCP 12.
- (b) Not later than May 5, 2021, Plaintiffs must file and serve their:
  - (1) Reply points and authorities in support of their motion for preliminary injunction (ECF No. 6) under LR 7-2; and
  - (2) Opposition points and authorities in response to Legislative Defendants' motion to dismiss under LR 7-2, if Legislative Defendants file such a motion instead of a responsive pleading.
- (c) Not later than **May 12, 2021**, Legislative Defendants must file and serve their reply points and authorities in support of their motion to dismiss under LR 7-2, if Legislative Defendants file such a motion instead of a responsive pleading.
- 3. Because Plaintiffs' complaint (ECF No. 1) raises numerous claims for relief under federal and state constitutional provisions and because such claims present complex issues of federal and state law, the parties stipulate and agree to the following page limits for the motions, oppositions in response, and replies set forth in paragraph 2 above:
  - (a) Motions and oppositions in response to such motions are limited to 30 pages, excluding exhibits, and must include a table of contents and table of authorities, which are excluded from the page limits.
  - (b) Replies in support of such motions are limited to 20 pages, excluding exhibits, and must include a table of contents and table of authorities, which are excluded from the page limits.

The parties stipulate and agree that Plaintiffs' motion to extend the briefing schedule for 1 2 their motion for preliminary injunction (ECF No. 22), which was filed on March 29, 2021, is 3 withdrawn and denied as moot based on this Stipulation and Order. 4 SIGNATURES OF COUNSEL AND ORDER OF THE COURT 5 Legislative Defendants' attorney of record, Kevin C. Powers, General Counsel, LCB Legal, 6 attests and certifies that he obtained the consent of Plaintiffs' attorney of record, Sigal Chattah, 7 Esq., to file with her electronic signature this Stipulation and Order Regarding Service of Process 8 on Legislative Defendants, Briefing Schedule for Motions, and Related Matters. 9 DATED: This <u>30th</u> day of March, 2021. 10 By: /s/ Kevin C. Powers By: /s/ Sigal Chattah **KEVIN C. POWERS** SIGAL CHATTAH, ESQ. 11 General Counsel Nevada Bar No. 8264 Nevada Bar No. 6781 CHATTAH LAW GROUP 12 NEVADA LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU, 5875 S. Rainbow Blvd. #203 LEGAL DIVISION Las Vegas, NV 89118 401 S. Carson St. Tel: (702) 360-6200 13 Fax: (702) 643-6292 Carson City, NV 89701 Tel: (775) 684-6830 Email: Chattahlaw@gmail.com 14 Attorney for Plaintiffs Fax: (775) 684-6761 15 Email: kpowers@lcb.state.nv.us Attorneys for Legislative Defendants Brenda J. Erdoes and Nicole J. Cannizzaro 16 17 IT IS SO ORDERED: 18 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 19 March 30, 2021 DATED: 20 21 22 23

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